

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting
Monday, March 9, 2020
Boone County Courthouse, Boone, Iowa

Members present: Jennifer Schieltz, Marilyn Jordan, Al Treloar, Greg Stotts
Employees present: Ex. Dir. Scheuermann, Naturalist Katie Healy

Chair Treloar called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda by Stotts, 2nd by Jordan, Passed.

Motion to approve minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting by Jordan, 2nd by Stotts. Passed.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann reviewed financial information and bills for the month. Stotts moved and Jordan seconded a motion to approve monthly bills totaling \$9,568.56 and REAP – Bait Shop expenses totaling \$255.69. Passed.

Old business:

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann gave an update on the FY 20/21 Conservation Board budget. The Board of Supervisors lowered our budget by \$5,000 from what we requested. This reduction was taken out of the Grants Woods Development Line.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann presented the Don Williams clubhouse concessionaire contract to the board. We decided to offer the contract to Marie Fisher for this upcoming season. The clubhouse will open April 15. Jordan made a motion to approve the contract, Stotts seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Barry Romitti from Boy Scouts of America presented the “Spirit of Scouting” Award to Boone County Conservation naturalist Katie Healy. He recognized Katie as this year’s non-scout leader award winner for the whole district and thanked her for all of her efforts.

Katie Healy then presented her quarterly naturalist update. She reviewed her activities and programming from November 2019 – February 2020. This included archery classes with all the Boone Middle School 7th and 8th grade students. Approximate number of people reached for the past quarter equaled 580.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann discussed a request from Bryce Lidtka, who works in Mahaska County for the Soil and Water Conservation District, asking us to donate 5 (or more) nights at any of our cabins as a free vacation promotion in exchange for farmers to implement conservation practices as part of a South Skunk watershed project. Several board members were opposed to us participating and not in favor of donating free nights at our cabins.

The National Fish & Wildlife Foundation has put out a request for proposals for their Resilient Communities grant. If successful, this grant would help us fund work related to mitigation for

damage by emerald ash borer and to prairie and oak-savannah restoration. Ex. Dir. Scheuermann plans to pursue applying for this grant.

Open Discussion:

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann met with the High Trestle Trail steering committee last Friday. They did approve reimbursement to us for replacing lights on the bridge. We are planning to look into a better option for new lighting, as the current lights are old technology that has become obsolete.

The DNR has not responded to our letter regarding the Clover Woods camp yet. Ex. Dir. Scheuermann will be meeting with INHF at Clover Woods next Monday to talk over some things.

April 23: we are hosting the IACCB District meeting at the Arboretum

A website is being created for the Boone Forks regions.

Schieltz moved and Stotts seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:03 pm. Passed.



Alvin A. Treloar, Chair


Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary